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ASSOCIATED PRESS TELEGRAMS.

Constantinople, 25th.
Turkish Cabinet handed in joint re-
signation. Ministry has been reorgan-
ized under presidency of Kiamil Pacha,
Senator and Councillor of State.

Palermo, 26th.
Deaths from Cholera yesterday, 95.

Paris, 26th.
Being unable to come to an agree-
ment about the approaching elections
the Central Radical Committee has split
up into two parties, headed by respec-
tive chiefs.

The same thing has happened the
Revolutionary Committee (Communiste,
Anarchiste, Intransigente, etc.), which
has divided into several parties.

Rio Janeiro, 26th.
Imperial decrees issued to-day dis-
solving Parliament. Sessions re-open
next year on May 3d.

PRESS TELEGRAMS.

Montevideo 26th.—Advices have been
received giving further particulars on
the Bank subject, the syndicate, and the
bases of the business.

Affairs on the Bolea are dull, and a
loose feeling prevails.

The "vocalists" made a manifesta-
tion to-day in front of General Santos's
residence, presenting him with an al-
bum which contains 400 signatures and
bears the following inscription: To our
beloved protector, for whose happi-
ness and that of his country we shall
always pray.

The Ateneo Uruguayo will give a
literary entertainment on the 30th inst.
The "vocalists" article yesterday has
caused much surprise and is the topic
of the day.

The "Zirion" of to-day publishes a
letter from the pen of Dr. Costa ad-
dressed to General Santos and exam-
ining the situation of the Colorado
party.

The letter in question is much com-
mented on.

Bargossi, who arrived yesterday, will
proceed to the races at the Circo de
Marinetti.

Government has presented a project
to the Chambers, for authorization
to make arrangements with foreign powers
for the interchange of documents and
official papers, etc.

The Saturno sails this evening for
Buenos Aires.

Chascomus 26th.—Sales at the "feria"
continue brisk.

Shares of the Land Association have
been sold at auction and reached a
premium of 30 1/2.

Lincoln runs are in great demand.
The Juaria manifestation was not
very largely attended.

REVIEW FOR EUROPE.

The chief event of the fortnight has
been the sudden revival of business in
Congress after a four months' lethargic
discussion on pensions and minor mat-
ters. In 24 hours, a bill was framed,
studied, discussed and passed, making
a clean sweep of all lotteries in this
city and in all territories under the
jurisdiction of the National Govern-
ment.

The lottery gambling
had developed into such a public nu-
isance, that now lotteries were being
started daily, and a small army of va-
gabonds not only hawked the tickets
about the streets, but invaded the
tramways, theatres, hotels and private
houses, dogging the very footsteps of
the Senators and Deputies, who at
last followed the dictates of public
opinion and swept away the lot.

The Deputies are at present en-
gaged in the discussion of a very im-
portant Railway Bill, this Bill deals with
the proposal of an enterprising con-
tractor, Mr. Lucas Gonzalez, who offers
to complete the extensions of the Govern-
ment railways at a fixed price per
kilometre, payable in foreign bonds.

The concessionaire offered to take in
payment 6 1/2 bonds at 91 1/2, but the
Bill has been modified by the House
and these bonds have been reduced to
a 5 1/2 stock, to be delivered in pay-
ment to the contractors at 80 1/2. It
remains to be seen if this amendment
suits the concessionaire. It is to be
hoped that this cheap and easy system
of completing the National railways
will be always adopted in the future.

The forced currency bill, which
caused such an uproar in commercial
circles, after its sanction by the Senate,
has been slightly modified by the De-
puties, but has not yet been finally
discussed. The principal amendments
are the omission of the fourth clause,
referring to paper and gold payments
of contracts, drawn up before the fore-
ign currency decree, and the increase
of the emission of National Bank
notes; the Senate, it will be remem-
bered, voted six millions; the Deputies
added 12 millions. The Bill stands
over for the moment, but will be re-
solved at full speed toward the end of
the session. The principal firms in the
market drew up a protest against the
Bill and sent it to the Deputies the
day the debate began. The general
belief is that the bill as amended by
the Deputies is the bill that will be
passed, which will consult the honor
and credit of the country.

The La Plata Legislatura has not
been idle. The Provincial Government
has favored a bill for the creation of
seven new departments in the Province
of Buenos Aires. These new depart-
ments comprise vast areas of the so-
called outside camps. Five years ago
these lands were in the hands of the
Indian tribes of the South: to-day
they are studied with farms and are
comparatively thickly populated. The
seven new departments named, are:
Buenos Aires, San Juan, San Luis,
Mendoza, San Carlos, San Pedro,
Municipalities and police. This will

give a fresh impulse to the distant

districts of the South and West, and
settlors may rely on greater security for
life and property.

Dr. Pellegrini, the financial com-
missioner, has returned from Europe
with a new basis for the negotiation
of the Forty-two Million Loan. The
conditions of this new contract are not
known, but it is surmised that the
Government and the bankers will ar-
rive at a satisfactory agreement. Owing
to the great gold speculation which is
rampant in this market, immense in-
terest and transcendental importance
are attached to the new negotiation.
The majority of the Cabinet are ap-
parently determined to sign and seal the
negotiation, as the Treasury needs the
gold to meet the service of the debt in
Europe and to pay for materials to
complete the national railways and
many public works in course of con-
struction.

The expediency of the new loan is
the subject of much discussion and
opinions are very divided. Whilst
the Government, the bankers and the
merchants see the spectre of ruin rising
out of the present financial decomposition,
and view with favor the launching
of a loan that will help the treas-
ury, bring gold to the country and im-
prove the value of our depreciated
currency, shopkeepers, cattlemen, wheat-
growers, sugar-men, producers, in
general, advocate a fresh issue of
paper, expansion of credit and a finan-
cial policy tending to delay any return
to specie payments. The latter current
all their hopes in a further deprecia-
tion of the currency to neutralize the
effect of low prices.

Dr. Irigoyen, one of the candidates
running for the Presidency, returned
last week after a lengthy tour through
the provinces of the interior. He went
with the intention of stirring up the
country and canvassing votes. He met
everywhere with a warm reception, and
full honors were paid to his sterling
qualities and unimpeachable character.
In Catamarca, however, the meetings,
assembled to welcome him, were dis-
solved, and violence was employed by
the authorities. His return to Buenos
Aires was a great event; five thousand
people met him at the station and
accompanied him to his house. The
political question is merging into a
fusion of three parties against one.
The straws of the political current point
to a trinity of opposition against Dr.
Juarez Celman, who may be considered
the head candidate of the Interior.

The land market is dull. There is
quite a lull in the speculation, but real
estate in this city is rising so rapidly
as to attract the attention of all. It
would appear that capitalists and others
are getting rid of their paper money.
Small properties, outside the very
centre of the city, have doubled in val-
ue in the last two years, and this de-
mand for small properties, shows that
the savings of the people, which for-
merly went into Caudillos and other high
interest paying paper stocks in this
market, are now going into houses. It
is strange that camps do not only a
share of this great demand at present.

Shoaring will begin next week. The
approach of the busy season is felt in
all quarters, but contracts in anticipa-
tion of the clip are few. A large table
operations are spoken of at rates that
show a sharp decline in the article,
compared with last year's prices. Good
qualities of wool, however, will pro-
bably recover and rise. Advices from
Santa Fé and this province announce
excellent harvest prospects. Wheat
and linseed will be exported this season
in immense quantities, if the gold pre-
mium keeps up at the present quota-
tions. The lined plantations are in
magnificent condition and farmers have
sown ten times the usual quantity.

The gold speculation on "Change
contracts" fast and furious, but the
prospects are very gloomy. Point to a
further fall in gold. So far, the
Share is neglected. Exchange is
weak.

We quote the following rates of ex-
change by the mail:—
On London 46 1/2.
Paris 141.92.
Frankfurt 192.42.
Antwerp 43.94.

TRIP TO VILLA MERCEDES.

On Sept. 7th, Mr. Alfred Collett, C.E.,
who is the Resident Engineer of the
Buenos Aires and Pacific Railway, and
in charge of the construction for the
Company, and Mr. Presto Freire, in
charge of the construction for the con-
tractors, Messrs Clark & Co., travelled
over the line from Chascomus (36 kilo-
metres) to Junin (144 kilo), stopping at various
points with the object of arranging the
details relating to the projected opening
of the line to Junin or Pisco.

The vehicle used was an American trolley,
made in Philadelphia by Messrs. Fair-
banks.

This trolley is worked by four men
by means of handles, in the same man-
ner as the hand pump often used on
board ship, in times of distress, the
men standing up and working two,
facing the other two, alternately up
and down at the ends of a beam with
handles at each end, which beam is
connected with driving wheels.

Mr. Smith, the energetic main-
tenance inspector of this part of the line,
was captain of the ship which was
also fitted with a mast and sail. Working
energetically, our crew of four
"punks" arrived at Junin after dark,
about 7 p.m., 40 kilo, in four hours,
including about 25 stoppages, encounter-
ing an obstacle on the way in the shape
of a cold rain storm.

On the 8th starting at 8 a.m., with
the same four men as crew and some
additional ballast in the shape of Mr.
Henderson, assistant to Mr. Woodhouse,
and Mr. Griswold, an American engineer,
in charge of bridges and culverts, and
Mr. Moore, Messrs. Clark's district
engineer, a good cargo, the trolley went

ahead, notwithstanding a strong head

wind with an average speed of 20 kilo,
an hour. Passing the Salado, Soia,
and other points of interest the party
stopped at Vedia for breakfast, about
noon. Vedia is a charming station, on
high ground, and will do a large traf-
fic with Lincoln, Theodolina, and the
rich surrounding country. After con-
sulting the survey man and feeling the
ground, the party again started at about 1
p.m., and stopping at some 50 places
"en route" arrived at Ofenlas, Piscoas,
(kil. 253) about 7 o'clock. The keen
wind made men appetites, and in Mr.
Jacobson's absence, the active manager
for Messrs. Sanchez & Malmann, the
sub-contractors, we tried to clear his
larder, our friend Mr. Smith doing
great execution.

On the 9th the journey was con-
tinued by train, and after lunch on
board the train with Mr. Rufino, estancero,
near Station at kil. 310, and
which station is built on his land, Mr.
Presto Freire had his horses taken out
of the train, and Mr. Smith mounted his
war paint, rifle, revolver and many
things, the party got ready for a ride
across the camp to Villa Mercedes. Mr.
Jacobson and Mr. Souk, engineer of this
division for Messrs. Clark & Co. then
called all round to drink a glass of
champagne at kil. 344 to celebrate 200
kilo. of rails laid from Junin.

Mr. Collett and Mr. Bibbel, the com-
pany's district engineer, having ridden
along the earthworks, the party then
consisting of Messrs. Presto Freire, Col-
lett and Smith with three "ponies"
driving a change of five horses. The
cavalry towards the setting sun, over
camp fairly firm and with rather a light
sandy soil, the voyagers encountered
on their way many water and provision
carts, and various small encampments.
About 7 p.m. they reached the encamp-
ment of Mr. Perkins, the active pioneer
in charge of the earthworks, who has
a lonely life on the camp with his
native and Italian labourers. A com-
fortable dinner was arranged, includ-
ing even cold turkey and ham. Mr. Per-
kins had related some of his experi-
ences of camp life, their marriages, burials
etc., (even on those lone camps the
men have wives who look for them) the
party slept.

At about 4 a.m. on the 10th, the
party rose, and after coffee and his-
cuttle, left about 5.30 came to the
end of the earthworks, kil. 410, and
rode to the estancia Oro, about 16 kilo.
out of this road to feed the horses and
get water.

After a short stay the track was
again taken and then came troubles in
the shape of long fences. Riding round
these took a lot of time and patience;
many of the camps appeared to have
no stock only wine and produce. After
losing the way and riding toward a fence
to find a gate and then back to the
other side for a league, the party rode
along a fence apparently interminable
and which was always seen stretching
away in the distance. The camps were
of much better description than one
would have imagined after seeing some
of the salt camps passed over. This
salt, which whitens the ground though
to a less extent than on the "Buenos"
salt camps, seems to appear only on
low ground or which has probably once
been covered by salt water lagoons. A
curious fact in relation to this is that
fresh and salt water wells have been
found within 8 m. of salt water wells,
and sometimes a fresh water well will
turn salt and vice-versa. The salt wa-
ter seems generally to occupy a higher
level than the fresh, but some natives
(gauchos) and cattle seem to thrive on
the former quite well—cattle is every-
thing. The camps will, without doubt,
improve by stocking and by sowing
perhaps some of the finer grasses. Not
a bird except vultures and ostriches,
nor a beast, except one tame guanaco,
were seen, and the travellers were glad
occasionally to moisten their mouths
with some of Mr. Smith's tins of wine
and water, and eat a piece of cold
sausage with perhaps a splash of garlic
oil. The long fences continue as
uninteresting as ever, but four fine
sheep appeared to everyone's surprise,
and galloped away at a rapid speed. At
last we saw the end of this fence, and
we agreed it was too large a property
for one man, and that we should give
away a piece of camp rather than have
one which took so long to ride over.
With no guide except the sun we gal-
loped over a camp full of holes. The
only accident occurred early in the day
when a fresh young horse, springing at
a piece of salt on the ground, an article
he was not probably well accustomed
to, jumped in his ride's opinion 5
yards to one side, and left him standing
on his head. There was not much salt
left in them now and on the setting
of the sun the travellers followed a
light moon, and enjoyed the idea of
the wetting Buenos Aires appeared to be
getting from a thunderstorm behind.
A light was then seen, and, visiting a
puerto to get a drink of water, the
party rode slowly on in the dark to a
fence which was known as or would
be shortly crossed by the line. Making
an estimate the party rode along this
fence until common consent considered
a halt advisable to avoid the possibi-
lity of passing the V. Mercedes and
earthworks. Turning the horses' noses
to the fence we hung old campaigns
and used a little roughing, made up
bells, ponches and horse cloths, and
after discussing a little flamed "paté
de foie gras" and corned beef without
any bread slept the sleep of the right-
eous. The distance covered in about
16 hours riding with 1 1/2 hours rest,
we calculated at exactly 25 leagues,
a good ride considering one of the party
on English saddles, and was having
his first experience of Argentine camp
riding.

On the morning of the 11th waking
up refreshed but stiff, the tents of the
workmen about 2 kilo. off were seen.
Riding along the camp, the end of the
rails about 73 kilo. from V. Mercedes
was reached, and after a good break-

fast at Mr. Meglia's camp, the party

took train to V. Mercedes.

This ended a pleasant and sociable
ride, ridden on ordinary Argentine
horses, who upheld their characters for
endurance, a considerable part of the
journey having been passed without
water, the whole with only one feed
of "alfalfa".

The Directory of the Central Argenti-
ne Railway are beginning to find out
they have lagged terribly behind the
times. Their line will soon be hemmed
in on all sides by rival lines. A long
time ago I wrote to you about the
total loss of the traffic of the Andino
provinces, the moment the
Messrs. Clark arrived at Villa Mercedes
with the lines of their Pacific Railway.
This, of course, is indubitable and
cannot be helped; there is no remedy.
But how the apathy of the Directory
could go so far as not to see, years
ago, the great advantage of an ex-
tension from Cañada de Gomez up
North, through the colonies to San-
chales, is absolutely incomprehensible.
I wrote on this subject years ago. The
extension, I advocated, would not only
have made up for the loss of the And-
ino traffic, but would have been even
in a few hours. Your readers will
better paying line than the present
Central. They have lost this magnifi-
cent chance, for with the concession
to the Buenos Ayres and Rosario Com-
pany, for an extension of their line
from the latter place to Sanchales,
makes a parallel line unnecessary, and,
for aught, it would not pay. So much
for apathetic procrastination.

I notice the death of Sir Francis
Hinks, who, at an advanced age, was
attacked by smallpox and succumbed
in a few hours. Your readers will
naturally ask: Who was Sir Francis
Hinks? Well, he was a distinguished
Canadian of the last generation, who
was Governor of Canada at one time,
and was knighted in the early days
of Queen Victoria. He was a clever
man and has made his mark in his
time, but the world is now operated upon
by steam and goes ahead so fast that
very few keep pace with the times. Sir
Francis Hinks was one of the only ones
who were not forgotten to-morrow, ex-
cept in history books. As for Victor
Hugo, he is forgotten already. Bismarck,
with his restless ambition, will keep
to the fore as long as he lives, but
afterwards, "quien sabe?"

It is astonishing how indifferent this
mighty steam age is becoming to dead
names and departed great ministers and
"so-called" great men. I have come
to think that Shakespeare and Plato
might as well be forgotten to-morrow,
as any of the great men of the past.
I would also wish to remark that I
certainly think it would have been
more open and business-like to have
advised the members of the importance
of the steps to be brought forward
about the building fund, so that a
larger number might have been con-
sulted before such unlimited powers
were granted.

Notwithstanding the largely increased
expenses, deterioration rather than pro-
portionate improvement is noticeable in
the Society's rooms; and instead of
more papers, more books, more enter-
tainments, more attendance, a decent
lavatory, such as one might reasonably
expect—we find that the committee
have been screwing and saving, to ac-
cumulate a surplus of \$1,000 m/l to a
somewhat phantasmal building scheme,
about which no definite information
is to be obtained. I may be selfish, but
I do not look upon the Society as a
money-making and saving company,
and I wish to see its income, to which
I certainly have contributed largely,
spent on immediate benefits, and not
what there is so much room for im-
provement, put aside for the benefit of
future members, perhaps my children or
grandchildren.

The opportunities of criticising the
conduct of the Society are so few and
far between, and I have been taken so
by surprise in these matters, that I
think it best to call attention to them
only by means of your paper, instead
of waiting for next year's meeting;
and I hope that any member who agrees
with me will kindly come forward and
say so, for it did not seem to me that
the voice of the last general meeting
was at all in accordance with the op-
inions expressed by other members
unable to be present, or unaware of
what was going to be done.

Yours truly,
A. Member.

THE EFFECT OF THE PRESI-

DENT'S PROCLAMATION ON GRAZING AND
OTHER LANDS.

The determination of the Federal
Executive to clear the cattle out of
the Indian Territory has given a valu-
able to grazing land which is felt by
companies as the Atlantic and Pacific,
and other railways having large grants,
such as the Texas and Pacific. It has
also imparted value to ranches held for
grazing purposes, but as yet without
stock, of which there are some in New
Mexico, Western Texas, and Mexico.
We hear of an immense estate in Du-
rango exceeding 1,000,000 acres for
sale on very favourable terms, which
might be well worth the attention of
capitalists wanting land, especially of
their own cattle, as the Prairie
Cattle Company and other large estates
on the Rio Grande in New Mexico,
with land in a compact block, extend-
ing on both sides of the river, having
the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé
Road running for 50 miles through it.
The Atlantic and Pacific has some fine
grazing land on the plateau of the Co-
lorado in Northern Arizona. It is not
well watered, but it has a magnificent
view of the country as well as grass coun-
try, such as the Texas and Pacific. It has
the sweep of the Grand Canyon, and to
the traveller is presented one of the
most extraordinary sights of the world.
He may look from the crest of the
ledge into a chasma mile deep, at the
bottom of which flows a river larger

than the Danube where its water is

greatest, which, if seen at all, can only
be seen as a tiny rill.

The President has issued another
Proclamation to remove all obstructions
on public lands and to punish all
attempts to prevent settlement by im-
molation. It is asserted that the
Secretaries of the Interior have been
under the influence of the cattlemen
and the great companies, therefore re-
sists in their duty in this respect. It
is certain that the occupiers of public
lands are about to have a very hard
time of it, and it would be well to get
out of some of these cattle companies.
The amount of public lands enclosed
without warrant of law exceeds 10 mil-
lions of acres.

The demonstration to-day, in favor
of Dr. Darro Rocha, candidate for the
presidency, is the sole topic of the
hour. We give in our advertise-
ment column the full programme of
the feast, and hope and trust for the
high credit of Buenos Ayres that every-
body will be peaceably and order-
ly. The right of people to march in
procession and publicly proclaim their
candidate none can question, but the
less we have of these political demon-
strations the better, and we hope when
this great turn-out in favor of Dr.
Rocha is over other candidates will not
attempt a similar demonstration. We
believe there is no truth whatever in
the story that free and enlightened
elections have been brought in from
the camp, and from the great respect-
ability of the names of the promoters of
the feast, we assure that everything will
pass off well and peaceably.

Yesterday morning H. E. the new
American Minister came ashore with
his family in the grand falua of the
Port Captain. He was welcomed on
the mole head by Gen. Osborne, Mr.
Baker U. S. Consul and several other
distinguished Americans.

We expect to state that advices have
been received from Australia announc-
ing the death of Madame Fitzpatrick,
who for so many years was superioress
of the Irish Convent in B. Ayres. She
was much and deservedly respected by
all who knew her, and had a wide
circle of friends both in town and
camp.

Dr. Porel de Penilla, who has re-
signed his post in the Municipality,
arrived in the evening having voted in
favor of the Lord Mayor on the bond-
voted question.

We received several communications
yesterday which we are obliged to
hold over for a few days owing to
pressure on our columns.

The large prize of the Corobos lot-
tery fell in Tucuman, and the previous
one in Montevideo, where they were at
one paid by the Agents of the com-
pany.

The grand Sacred Concert is to be
held at St. Andrews Scotch Church
will take place on October 8th.

There was a great gathering on the
mole-head yesterday morning to wel-
come back Messrs. Galsbrath, Max-
well, Power and Nagle, who have re-
turned from Paris to the Sacred Holy
Convent, Calle Rio Bamba. They came
ashore in the Port Captain's falua.

They had a very pleasant voyage and
spoke in the highest terms of the kind
attention paid them by H. E. Mr.
Hanna, the new American Minister.

We received yesterday Mr. Todin's
report of the Central Northern Rail-
way, for 1884. It shows splendidly
for the country and the railway, which
gave the Government a clear profit for
the year of 818,550 m. We hold
the reports over for review in our next.

On Monday Dr. Pellegrini takes
office as Minister of War, and the gen-
eral report in business circles yester-
day was that he has brought out favor-
able proposals by the Bankers to close
the loan business.

The Gonzalez Railway Bill is at
last passed by the Deputies; we regard
the bill as a new departure for the
country in the line of railway making.
There seems to be no longer any
doubt about the Boulevard, and people
have been looking out for new pre-
mises. We hear that Dr. Wilde's
fine house in Calle Maipu has been
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THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Dr. D. Pedro Agote, one of the most intelligent and energetic men in the country, has established a new claim on his country and his Government by the publication of the third volume of his admirable reports on the Public Debt. The volume before us is, perhaps, the most valuable of all his publications, since it not only treats of the debts of the National Government, but also of the provinces, and supplies us with information we could never before get at. We recommend it to our merchants and bankers who will find in its 400 pages everything concerning the Public Debt of the River Plate, as also every note of our banks and other financial institutions.

It is difficult to review this book except by taking up chapter after chapter, and then the multitude of figures would fatigue the general reader. We must, therefore, select a few chapters from those chapters, which deal with the local and foreign debts of the various provinces, as well as we looked into the Public Debt of the Province of Buenos Aires, as well as the totals of interest and amortization paid thereon, and the sum total actually due up to date, is perhaps, one of the most interesting features of this accomplished work.

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TRADE OF THE INTERIOR.

There is perhaps no truer index of the trade of the country than the traffic of our great trunk railways, since we may safely admit that we have passed the epoch of bulkier cars as public carriers. The Provincial Government will appropriate an area of 8 leagues for the formation of a town with a station on the line. The following is a list of the new parties:

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THE NEW PARTIDOS.

Seven new partidos in the Province of Buenos Aires—seven new towns—seven new colonies—seven new centres of population which the new design of the La Plata Government, and if properly carried out, will result in immense good to the districts embraced in the act. Each of these new partidos will be a separate entity, and will appropriate an area of 8 leagues for the formation of a town with a station on the line. The following is a list of the new partidos:

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